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e. As a result of the flap on the CORONA payload directive to General Greer resulting from the satellite vulnerability study performed by Lockheed, [REDACTED] has agreed that any payload directives in the future concerning CORONA, ARGON, [REDACTED] will go to SSD by means of Agency communications channels rather than NRO links. Booster schedules where action is required by SSD will be transmitted by the NRO Staff to this Headquarters and SSD simultaneously to enable us to react before the schedule is finalized on the West Coast.

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25X1A1a f. The argument over whether NRO receives and disperses the [REDACTED] allocated to CIA in support of the NRP continues. [REDACTED] in conversations with [REDACTED] was unable to resolve this question with the lines remaining firm as drawn, i.e., Air Force wants to obtain the money from the Bureau of the Budget and then dole it out to CIA in the form of advances. This we do not agree to. [REDACTED] Agency Comptroller, is preparing a staff study for the Director on this subject, analyzing the pros and cons for both proposals. Either this issue is resolved, or we have no money for FY 1963.

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g. As a result of the sudden shortage of THOR boosters for the missile program, the NRO Staff is reportedly preparing a paper to USIB on the subject, highlighting the absence of CORONA shots from September until December. Possible solutions are: (1) Cut out the October ARGON shot; (2) Defer until early 1963 the [REDACTED] ELINT satellite; (3) Take a booster away from the 102 Program. I have heard subsequently that NRO plans to act on possibility No. 2, which may obviate the necessity of the USIB paper.

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25X9A5 h. [REDACTED] has asked that we plan to brief [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday, 24 September in the Control Center on CIA's portion of the NRP. This will include OXCART, IDEALIST, CORONA, ARGON, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I have already asked [REDACTED] to prepare the necessary charts with a special reference [REDACTED] since we require NRO concurrence in our FY 1964 submission for this program.

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